

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0010] beginning at line 19 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

In accordance with a first embodiment of the present invention there is provided a treated kaolin containing silicone rubber composition consisting essentially of:

- (i) one or more polymers which have the formula $R_2R^1SiO[(R_2SiO)_x(RViSiO)_y]_ySiR_2R^1$ wherein each R is the same or different and is an alkyl group containing 1-6 carbon atoms, a phenyl group or a 3,3,3-trifluoroalkyl group, preferably each R group is a methyl or ethyl group; R^1 is a hydroxy group or an alkenyl group, x is an integer and y is zero or an integer and x + y is between 700 and 10 000;
 - (ii) treated kaolin
 - (iii) a curing agent; and
 - (iv) optional additives selected from the group of one or more rheology modifiers, pigments, colouring agents, anti-adhesive agents, plasticizers, adhesion promoters, blowing agents, fire retardants and dessicants,
- which composition is substantially free of reinforcing fillers.

Please replace paragraph [0011] beginning at line 30 on page 3 with the following paragraph:

The organopolysiloxane polymer comprises one or more polymers which preferably have the formula $R_2R^1SiO[(R_2SiO)_x(RViSiO)_y]_ySiR_2R^1$ wherein each R is the same or different and is an alkyl group containing 1-6 carbon atoms, a phenyl group or a 3,3,3-trifluoroalkyl group, preferably each R group is a methyl or ethyl group; R^1 is a hydroxy group or an alkenyl group, preferably vinyl or hexenyl group; x is an integer and y is zero or an integer and x + y is between 700 and 10 000. In one embodiment the organopolysiloxane is a mixture of two polysiloxane gums having the formulas $R_2ViSiO[(R_2SiO)_x(RViSiO)_y]_ySiR_2Vi$ and $R_2ViSi(R_2SiO)_xSiR_2Vi$ wherein R is an alkyl group containing 1-6 carbon atoms, Vi is vinyl, and x and y are 500-1,000.

Please replace paragraph [0012] beginning at line 8 on page 4 with the following paragraph:

Representative polysiloxane gums preferred according to the invention are high molecular weight gums with the formula $\text{Me}_2\text{ViSiO}[(\text{Me}_2\text{SiO})_x(\text{MeViSiO})_y]\text{SiMe}_2\text{Vi}$ and high molecular weight gums of the formula $\text{Me}_2\text{ViSi}(\text{Me}_2\text{SiO})_x\text{SiMe}_2\text{Vi}$ wherein Me represents the methyl group -CH₃, Vi represents the vinyl group CH₂=CH-, and the degree of polymerisation (DP) is approximately 1,000, i.e., DP corresponds to the value of x or the sum of x and y.